

REMARKS

In order to place the instant application in better condition for allowance, claims 4, 5, 7 and 8 have been amended to correct informalities regarding claim dependency.

On the merits, in the outstanding Action, claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Hueting et al, for the reasons of record. Specifically, with respect to independent claims 1 and 9, it was suggested that Hueting discloses a localized region (and forming a localized region) in the drain drift region juxtaposed with the channel accommodating region, the localized region comprising alternating stripes of the first conductivity type and a second opposite conductivity type, which stripes extend laterally alongside the channel-accommodating region and away from the gate, the dimensions and doping levels of the stripes being such that the localized region provides a voltage-sustaining space-charge zone when depleted.

In response, the above-cited portion of the rejection is respectfully traversed, as it is respectfully submitted that the cited figures a cited portions of the Hueting specification neither show nor suggest the foregoing limitation. Referring to Fig. 1 of the instant application, the localized region (for example, region 30 in Fig. 1) is clearly shown and described as comprising alternating stripes (31, 32) of differing conductivity types extending laterally alongside the channel-


accommodating region (15) and away from the gate (11), with the dimensions and doping levels of these stripes being such that the localized region provides a voltage-sustaining space-charge zone when depleted. This specific structure, as clearly shown and described in the instant specification, and as clearly and precisely claimed in independent claims 1 and 9, is believed to be neither shown nor suggested in Hueting. In this regard, it is noted that specific figures and reference numerals are cited in the Action for the other structural limitations recited, but that no figure or reference numerals are cited with respect to this particular limitation, which is respectfully submitted to be neither shown nor suggested in the reference.

Should the Examiner disagree with the above analysis, it is respectfully requested that the next Action contain an specific reference to the portion of the Hueting structures which the Examiner believes anticipates the specific recited structure of claims 1 and 9 and as shown, for example, at reference numerals 30, 31 and 32 in Fig. 1 and as described in the instant disclosure.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 9, and the remaining claims depending therefrom, are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied reference. Accordingly, allowance of the instant application is respectfully submitted to be justified at the present time, and

favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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